

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (BROOK)

DATE: APR 8 1987

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 30, 1963

FROM : Mr. R. W. Smith

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - R. W. Smith
1 - Mr. Litrento
1 - J. M. Sizoo
1 - Mr. Jackson

SUBJECT: CHRISTINE KEELER
JOHN PROFUMO

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INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - GREAT BRITAIN

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Per instructions from Assistant Director Evans, the Legat, London, C. W. Bates, was contacted by telephone by SA J. M. Sizoo on 6/29/63 regarding captioned matter.

Bates was briefed on the story in the "New York Journal American" of 6/29/63 headlined "High U. S. Aide Implicated in V-Girl Scandal" written by James D. Moran and Dom Frasca. This story claimed that "One of the biggest names in American politics--a man who holds a very high elective office--has been injected into Britain's vice-security scandal." Information for the article was reportedly obtained in a trans-Atlantic telephone interview between the reporters and Maria Novotny and British newspaperman Peter Earl, the day of the article publication.

The article stated that a "Chinese-American girl" was the former paramour of the American Government official and while the girl's name was not given by Novotny and Earl, the article claims that "the highest authorities here and in England identified her as Suzy Chang" who has been implicated with Dr. Stephen Ward of the Profumo-Keeler case. Chang was said to be in London currently. Novotny in describing the alleged U. S. official stated that like John Profumo in Britain "your man also has access to government secrets."

Bates was instructed to convey the essence of the "Journal American" story, plus the fact that the editors denied having the name of the "U. S. Aide," as well as the results of interviews of Chang and Novotny on 6/24 and 6/27/63, respectively, to Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, with the President's party in England, or to Pierre Salinger if Mr. O'Donnell could not be reached, as a confidential message for the President. Bates was instructed to advise the Bureau by telephone of the results of his contact with O'Donnell or Salinger as soon as possible.

Bates was also told to reinterview Suzy Chang and Maria Novotny in order to pin down the facts concerning the

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RE: CHRISTINE KEELER
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(U) "Journal American" story's allegations and to determine the American official's identity. Bates was also told to determine if [redacted] have as yet located Harry Towers, former British television producer involved in prostitution charges in New York City in 1961, and the possibility of extradition of Towers on prostitution charges. ~~SE~~ NG

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Instructions were also given for Bates to submit a cable with the details of his current inquiries in the Profumo matter at once. ~~SE~~ (u)

(U) At 8:30 a.m., 6/30/63, SA John T. Minnich, London, telephonically advised that Bates had called from Brighton. Bates, pursuant to instructions from SA J. M. Sizoo, contacted Kenneth O'Donnell and gave him the gist of the story appearing in the "New York Journal American" of 6/29/63 headlined "High U. S. Aide Implicated in Y-Girl Scandal." O'Donnell was also briefed concerning the interviews of Novotny and Chang on 6/27/63 and 6/24/63, respectively. ~~SE~~ O'Donnell advised that he appreciated the information stating that it was better to know these things beforehand and would immediately review the information. ~~SE~~

At 1:05 p.m., 6/30/63, Bates telephonically advised that he had just arrived in London from Brighton, England. Bates advised that no additional interviews had been made on 6/30 but efforts in this regard would be made on Monday, 7/1/63. ~~SE~~ (u)

Efforts are continuing to locate Harry Towers so that he can be interviewed. Legal Attache Bates will keep the Bureau advised and is submitting a cablegram concerning the developments in this matter. ~~SE~~ (u)

ACTION:

For information. This is being closely followed. ~~SE~~ (u)

ADDENDUM

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION 6/30/63

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[A cable was received from Legat, London, as requested on 6/30/63 which confirmed the information received orally on 6/30 from Minnich and Bates as referred to above and included the following additional data: ~~SE~~ (u)]

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X A "News of the World" article dated 6/30/63 by Peter Earle contained an interview with Novotny. She stated the party where a man appeared in the nude except for a mask was at her house. She claimed the man wore short striped pants and a black mask. She stated he was not a politician or connected with the government but he was from a titled family. She states in the article that it had been suggested that while in New York she knew men who were friends of high-placed politicians. She said this was true and if either the FBI or [] wants to talk to her she would cooperate.

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(U) Legat's cable indicated, however, that during an interview by police with Novotny she said she would not talk to the FBI. (S)

(U) The cable also indicates that police still claim Towers is not in London. (S)

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/27/63

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. D.J. Brennan

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised me on 6/25/63 that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] will be elevated to [REDACTED]

He

reiterated his previously expressed belief that [REDACTED]
will probably be the next [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] sometime in the future. It will be recalled that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] visited the Bureau and met the Director on 2/15/63.

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I took the occasion to ask [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]
coming under criticism because of the Profumo [REDACTED] scandal. in [REDACTED]
that there are repeated allegations that the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had been informed of this matter some months ago.

[REDACTED] said that he was quite sure [REDACTED] was in the clear on
this, inasmuch as [REDACTED] had passed the information along to a cabinet
level and any failure to take action on the information, as concerns
Profumo and others, was a policy matter handled at a high government
level.

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